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1. Almost a year ago the construction of a new type ship, the "Seekutter 26", was begun in the Soviet Zone, Germany. Until now it was only known that the Yachtwerft Claus Engelbrecht VEB, Berlin-Köpenick, 366 Wendenschlossstrasse, was building such ships. When construction had reached the point where details concerning the new ship could be learned, officials of Germanischer Lloyd* were denied entrance into the Werft Engelbrecht, although Lloyd had earlier been permitted to inspect all ship construction in the people's-owned shipbuilding yards.
2. The "Seekutter 26" is being built under the strictest security precautions, similar to those observed by the former German Wehrmacht. The "Seekutter 26" is not listed in the production index of the DDR, although all other ships under construction in the people's-owned shipyards are to be found there. The "Seekutter 26" is being constructed under the administrative supervision of the Ministry of Industry's Hauptabteilung Maschinenbau und Elektrotechnik, of which Herr Roesner is director.
3. The ship is 26 meters in length, which explains the number designation. It has three screws; the middle one is used for cruising; the two outer screws facilitate quick maneuvering and serve as auxiliary propulsion to attain high speed. Each screw is driven by a 480 hp (German) Junkers two-cylinder motor. Each motor is equipped with a reduction gear. Maximum speed with all three propellers and the total of 1440 horsepower (German) is 25 knots. The mast can be put down. The ship is built to accommodate a crew of 14 men and 3 officers. Each ship is to have a normal armament of two 2cm antiaircraft guns and two machine guns. Specifications also provide for possible addition of further artillery pieces. The ship is described as a police boat. No information was obtainable on the type of steel to be used for the hull.

* [REDACTED] Comment: The organization referred to is Germanischer Lloyd, Schiffsklassifikations-Gesellschaft und Maschinenfabrik, Berlin NW 87, Brückenallee 10.

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